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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) recommends all children receive a series of vaccinations to stay protected against many serious illnesses. These immunizations are also required to attend childcare. By 18 months of age, all children should receive four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP), three doses of hepatitis B, one dose of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), three or four doses of *Haemophilus influenzae type B* (Hib), three doses of polio, one dose of varicella (chickenpox), four doses pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13) and two doses of hepatitis A vaccines.

According to the North Dakota Immunization Information System, [FIRST NAME] still needs one or more of his/her infant immunizations. The table below lists the vaccine(s) that are past due for your child. Please contact your child's doctor's office or local public health unit to make an appointment for your child to be vaccinated.

Vaccine(s) Recommended

While at your child's healthcare provider office, please also get your child immunized against influenza. Some children will need two doses of influenza vaccine to be protected if it is their first year of vaccination or if they have not received a total of two doses of influenza vaccine prior to the start of the current season.

Cost should not be a barrier to immunizations. The federal Vaccines for Children Program provides vaccines at no cost to children who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian, or underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines).

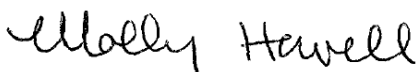
With the current COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and around the world, the importance of vaccinations has become more critical. Having vaccine preventable diseases and COVID-19 circulating at the same time could lead to large numbers of childcare absences for kids and missed work for parents. North Dakota healthcare providers and local public health units are taking every precaution to ensure your child can receive their immunizations safely during the pandemic.

Please also be sure to get a copy of your child's immunization record to keep for your records.

If you received this letter in error or would like to opt out of receiving immunization reminders from the NDDoH, please complete an online form at <https://www.health.nd.gov/immunize/ndiis/reminder-recall>.

If you have any questions, please contact the NDDoH Division of Immunizations at 701.328.3386 or 800.472.2180.

Sincerely,



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